

ISA national swimming finals



Congratulations to Lucton's representatives for Midlands at last weekend's ISA National Swimming Championships held at Coventry. Year 7, Rebecca McLauchlan, claimed two gold medals in the freestyle and medley relay team and one silver in the girls' individual backstroke whilst

her brother, Connor, picked up a bronze in the Year 8 boys' freestyle relay. From the Prep School, Abigail Duce won a gold medal in the Year 5 girls' freestyle relay and Ewan Dalziel won a silver medal in the Year 4 boys' freestyle relay event. Well done to you all!

Senior trip to London

GCSE students returned last week from a Citizenship conference in London. Speakers from Amnesty International, The Guardian newspaper and parliament addressed issues as diverse as Iraq, farming and immigration. Our pupils were amongst the youngest attending but they were praised by the conference staff for their erudite comments. During the trip, Joseph Lau had his birthday and in order to celebrate, the group attended 'Wicked' at the Apollo and went shopping in the West End. All-in-all, the trip was much enjoyed by everyone, including the staff!

A new record

Another new pupil joined Year 6 this week, and this brings the number of starters in the School since the beginning of term up to TEN! This is unprecedented and represents an autumn term record, better than either of the last two years, which were both in themselves records.

Mrs Thorne is very pleased with such positive growth. "With everything that is happening in the economy, I find this amazing, and with new starters already lined up for January, the trend looks set to continue. Even so, we mustn't be complacent, as the media is still full of gloom for next year, so let's all continue to market Lucton as well as we obviously have done to date."

The Friends of Lucton School

There are still a handful of tickets available for the Winter Ball, so if you would like to come, please contact Mrs Buffon on 01568 782000 or Sarah Handley-Edgar on her mobile: 07967362246. This is always a marvellous event and this year, the live music is being provided by The Sultana Brothers.

Please remember that Monday, 1st December, is a non-uniform day in exchange for contributions to the bottle, cake (or other) stalls for the Christmas Fair. Alternatively, a £2 donation will be acceptable. This is a really helpful way to ensure that the successful bottle stall is adequately stocked. The Fair will take place on Saturday, December 6th from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Lunch will be available, and the fair will feature many external stalls as well as pupil stalls from all areas of the school.

If you have any questions about the Friends, please contact, Sarah Handley-Edgar on her mobile: 07967362246, or by e-mail: sez@bromyard43.fsnet.co.uk and if you leave a message and contact number, Sarah will get back to you.

Skiing payment

Ski Course 2009 – Full payment deadline reminder – **Friday 5th December 2008**. May I remind the parents of Ski Course members that we have to make our final payment to Interski and it is essential that all members are fully "paid-up" in time.

LUCTON SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 6th December

10am – 3pm

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CCF weekend

Self-Reliance and Duke of Edinburgh Training at last weekend's CCF Camp. – Senior cadets attended the first full training weekend since becoming an independent CCF, held at the Caerwent Training Area in South Wales. The two main aims were preparation for Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award and completion of 'Self-Reliance' training. Both of these are elements of the Cadet BTEC Diploma.

The weather was very cold and sometimes very wet; however, everyone packed a good 'sense of humour' in their kit, and achieved the targets set. Walking several miles with full kit, a rifle and in the rain would seem a chore to many, however the groups completed the task with aching feet and a smile.

Once again cadets showed what they could achieve and were a credit to the themselves and the school.

From the Boarding House

At the end of a busy week the Boarders enjoyed a trip to Morrisons in the 'Big Bus' to stock up on treats.

On Saturday morning, after a full English breakfast, the Boarders set off to the Telford Shopping Centre for some Christmas shopping with Mrs Ladds. During Saturday afternoon the Junior Boarders, with the assistance of some of the senior boys, enjoyed a fun swim. In the evening, we all enjoyed an Indian take away and a swim, followed by a movie night.

On Sunday morning, following breakfast Mrs Ladds helped the Boarders to make some 'Father Christmas' decorations for the boarding house. The boarders enjoyed a swim and a trip to the Hickory Stick for some Ten Pin Bowling. Sunday night saw the return of the CCF from their camp in Wales, cold, wet and happy! After dinner it was time for prep and room tidying before bed time ready for the week ahead.

NEXT WEEK: Monday 1st – Muffi Day (£2 or donation for the Christmas Fair). Tuesday 2nd – Prep School at the Pantomime. Wednesday 3rd – 2.00 pm Nursery Nativity Play, 7.00 pm Senior School Production "Daisy Pulls it Off".

Thursday 4th – Daisy Pulls it Off to Visiting Schools, Prep School Christmas Lunch, 7.00 pm Senior School Production "Daisy Pulls it Off". Friday 5th – Pre-Prep Nativity. Saturday 6th – 10.00 am Friends Christmas Fair.

SPORTS REPORT

U13 RUGBY – 33-5 WIN! – v Moor Park. We played with determination and skill, especially in the loose where James Miles was outstanding. He scored three tries in the first half after some good driving, with Alex Vaughan also working well. Further tries were added by John Kelly and later Elliot Tasker. Frank converted three tries and we were comfortable winners at 33 – 5. Well done!

U14 RUGBY – 17-15 WIN! – v Wrekin College. We visited Wrekin on Wednesday missing ten regular players. Even so, we kept the recent good run intact with a nail-biting 17-15 win. We began slowly and looked disjointed with out of position players letting an early try in. We fought back to level the scores 10-10 at half-time. The second half was a close contest and we managed to overhaul Wrekin in the last minute with an equalising try and a winning conversion.

SENIOR RUGBY – v Wrekin College. The senior rugby team travelled to Wrekin on Wednesday and showed courage and commitment. Wrekin opened the scoring and heroic tackling by all and some fine running out of trouble saw the half time score at 7-0. The second half saw Wrekin make 10 substitutions and with a refreshed side they were able to apply sustained pressure that finally told. A late try from Lewis Spencer was not enough.

U11 RUGBY – v Moor Park. After starting badly, we fought back with a converted try. In the second half we scored three more tries and one conversion. With a last minute exchange of tries, the score finished Moor Park 40, Lucton 31. William Russell 3 tries, Bradley Spiers 2 tries, and 3 cons.

U9 & U11 FOOTBALL – U9 10-0 WIN! – v Bedstone. The U9 team put on an outstanding performance winning 10-0. The boys dominated all facets of play and were on attack for most of the match, so that our goalkeeper only had to make two saves in the entire match. Hat-tricks for Tommy Williams and George Bouston and two apiece for Callum Loly and Josh Walton-Prince. The U11 were without a couple of key players and had limited opportunities to attack and despite losing there were some solid individual performances by Josh Gladwin, Bradley Spiers and goalkeeper Simon Lyke.

U14 BASKETBALL – 22-6 WIN! – v Minister. With only 7 in the squad, we expected to struggle. However after some initial tentiveness, our superior skill, determination and fitness proved too much and we ran out 22 – 6 winners. Good displays from all, but particularly Scott Parker and Peter Gray. Well done!

U11 & U13 ISA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – The under 11s played really well, only conceding 2 goals during 60 mins of play. Emily Denson, Amy Hind, Jemima Cooper and Jenny Smith played well, as did the whole team. Well done, girls! The U13 girls also all played very well in a strong division, with Storm Fowler and Zoe Lewis being very strong.

U11 NETBALL – v Bedstone. Although they were a bit thrown by playing 5-a-side, all the girls played well and enjoyed themselves, and although we won 2 quarters and drew 1, we ended up narrowly losing overall. Well done girls!

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Mon Dec 1st: U9 Rugby v St Richards (A), 2.30pm
U9 Girls Hockey v St Richards at Bridge St, 2.30pm
U13 Rugby v Hereford Cathedral (H), 2.45pm
Wed Dec 3rd: U11 & U13 Rugby v St Richards (H), 2.30pm
U13 & U16 Netball v Lady Hawkins (A), 3.30pm
U14 Basketball v Tenbury (A), 3.45pm
U15 Girls Hockey v Bedstone at Bridge St, 2.45pm
Senior Rugby v Hereford Cathedral (A), 2.15pm



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